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Brewery Square back on track following 'frustrating delays'

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NOW – let's get on with it and create some jobs.

That was the reaction of the developer behind Dorchester's Brewery Square scheme after West Dorset planners approved his latest plans.

Developer Andrew Wadsworth said he was happy to put a delay caused by the council behind him and press on with the multi-million pound project.

A month ago his application was pulled from the committee agenda after West Dorset District Council received a submission from Charles Street developers Simons, worried about extra shopping space at Brewery Square.

But now planners have approved a number of alterations to the scheme which will allow the Brewery Square scheme to forge ahead.

The site currently employs around 250 builders, marketing and other staff. When it is finished its restaurants, shops, cinema and hotels could create 700 new jobs for the town.

"What happened last month was frustrating and didn't make a lot of sense – but we will now get on with it and create new jobs for the town," said Andrew Wadsworth, director of Waterhouse, which is overseeing the Brewery Square development in partnership with Resolution Property.

"It's full steam ahead now and we are still on schedule to open the main square in the autumn."

Dorchester councillor Stella Jones, who backed the latest plans, told fellow planning committee member: "These changes only amount to another five retail units, none more than 300 square metres, which is not significant enough to

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■ LET'S CREATE SOME JOBS: Developer Andrew Wadsworth (right) and a computer generated view of how the developed Brewery Square will look

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60 SECOND INTERVIEW

HANNAH Garner has always enjoyed getting a 'pizza-the-action' and no more so than now she is working at 'The Stable' pizza and cider restaurant in Weymouth.

The restaurant opened by the harbour in Weymouth 10 weeks ago and is already proving to be very popular.

Hannah has always enjoyed working with the general public and has done a number of interesting jobs which led her all over the country, but eventually brought her back to Dorset.

Besides her new job, Hannah is enjoying being back beside the seaside and she also loves playing and hearing live music.

Hannah is 26 years old and lives in Weymouth.

WHAT kind of jobs have you been doing?

I originally moved straight to London after doing a degree at Southampton University because it was the ideal place for getting into the music industry, which is what I thought I wanted to do. I did some work experience at Ninja Tune – one of my favourite record labels. I also did piano teaching, bar work, work for music listing companies, work with disabled students… then I started working on a market stall in Broadway market selling bread.

In my holidays I used to work at music festivals for Tom Hunt's catering business, 'The Shisha Lounge'. All this experience led me towards events mangement work for a clothing company in Leicestershire. Doing events meant I got to travel round the whole country selling clothes at different venues and all my festival experience came in really useful.

SO WHY did you come back to Weymouth?

After a number of years of that lifestyle, I realised I'd had enough of travelling round and when a job came up at The Stable in Weymouth I thought that was the ideal opportunity to get more settled whilst still doing the sort of work I enjoy.

WHAT is it about you that makes you particularly good at that type of work?

Meeting new people and enjoying new experiences. Then there's the sale element – it's important to be passionate about what you are selling, which is why I left the clothing company. I realised the industry wasn't quite right for me.

SO are you passionate about pizza?

Yes! And I like the way the business is run. I like the people who set it up and I like the way it's a family run business and that everything is original and simple but it works – nothing too complicated.

It's about making sure everything is of a high quality, and something that you can really believe in, so when someone asks: 'What's so great about your pizzas?' we can say with conviction that it's because we use organic ingredients and local suppliers, and that even the dough is made to our own recipe , by hand right here in Weymouth. You can watch the chefs preparing everything from scratch – it's just a great atmosphere to be working in as well.

WHAT else is on the menu besides pizza?

Pies… local pies like the Dorse Oggie. There are also salads and desserts - you can even have a Nutella and mascarpone pizza as a dessert. And of course there are lots of different ciders, at the moment I think there are about 64 different ones to choose from.

DO you have a favourite pizza?

All of them! I couldn't have a favourite because they're all delicious. This week I've been mostly eating the Bucky Doo which is a vegetarian pizza- although I'm not actually vegetarian.

AND what other interests have you got?

My previous job gave me a fishing rod when I left so I've been out a couple of times with that! I love the sea and as soon as it gets a bit warmer I'll be jumping in before I start work each morning.

I'm really into music - my parents have Bridport Music on South Street - and I try to go to lots of gigs, although I haven't been to any since I've been back down here.

I also play the piano and the flute, something which I've done for most of my life.

WHICH three famous people would you like to invite to dinner and what would you eat?

I'd have pie with Ferne Cotton because she looks like she needs a pie or two, and she's quite good fun.

I'd have a salad with James Cordon because he's a little bit fat but he's hilarious and he's my secret crush.

And I'd have a pizza with the person who set up Pizza Hut so I could show them what a proper pizza should be like!

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■ COMMENDED: Superintendent Mick Rogers with Jack Loveless (left) and Sam White (right)

Police commendation for brave schoolboys

TWO Thomas Hardye School pupils have received a special award after finding a Second World War explosive shell in Dorchester.

Jack Loveless and Sam White, both 14, found the shell at Grey's Bridge on London Road.

After Jack discovered the explosive, Sam called Dorset Police to report it.

The pair helped keep other members of the public away as officers and specialist bomb disposal teams attended the scene and made the area safe before the shell was detonated in a controlled explosion.

Jack and Sam were officially recognised by the Force for their actions and bravery when they received a Territorial Policing Commander's Commendation at Dorchester police station.

Dorset Police Superintendent Mick Rogers presented the teenagers with their awards. He said: "The actions that they took back in April last year were absolutely fantastic.

"They took action, helped cordon the area off and kept people away. They contacted the police who then contacted the bomb disposal unit."

When presenting the boys with their awards, Superintendent Rogers said: "I think your parents should be very proud for what you have done.

Dorchester and Sherborne Neighbourhood Inspector, Les Fry, said: "These two lads did what the police service would like to happen when any suspicious objects are found.

"Their actions were exactly right, and as a direct result a very dangerous object was made safe with nobody getting hurt.

"We are very pleased to be able to recognise their outstanding community action."

Teenagers targetted in money and phone thefts

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POLICE are appealing for information about two robberies in Dorchester town centre.

Both involved a man in his mid-twenties who snatched items from passers-by before running off.

The incidents took place at the rear of Goulds near the Charles Street Car Park at around 7.15pm on Friday April 13th, and Bowling Alley Walk at 5.15pm on Sunday April 15th.

The first case near to the Charles Street car park involved two teenage victims who were approached by a white man in his mid twenties while they sat at a bench.

After a short conversation, the offender snatched a mobile phone and ran off towards the War Memorial.

The second incident at Bowling Alley Walk saw man of a similar description approach a teenage boy and snatch money from his wallet before making off towards the War Memorial.

Detective Inspector Stewart Dipple, of County CID, said: "I am appealing for anyone who witnessed either of these two robberies to contact me.

"I am also keen to hear from anyone who may have seen any suspicious behaviour around the Charles Street Car Park and Bowling Alley Walk around the time of these incidents".

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101 quoting incident numbers 13;463 and 15;317. Alternatively, call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 where mobile phone tariffs may apply.

Prosecute irresponsible dog owners says councillor

A DORCHESTER town councillor says he is appalled at pet owners continually failing to clear up after their dogs.

David Taylor, who was temporarily blinded as a result of coming into contact with dog's mess when he was young, says many others share his concern about owners who do not clear up..

He says he was appalled to learn how Stop the Drop anti-litter collectors discovered dozens of bags of dog soil bagged and just thrown away close to the rugby ground and sports pitches to the west of the Thomas Hardy Leisure centre.

"This is just very dangerous as the sealed bags, especially in hot weather, ferment and really are toxic…. why can we not prosecute instead of quietly ignoring the problem.?"

"It just beggars' belief that dog owners seems to think a 'dog poo fairy' is going to clear it up when in reality it is left up to decent volunteers giving up there precious time to clear up their mess."

Full steam ahead at Brewery Square

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prejudice the Charles Street development.

"This remains a once in a lifetime opportunity to regenerate this area – and it's actually happening and we should encourage it to carry on."

Other changes approved include alterations to a three storey apartment block which backs on to houses in Prince of Wales Road. The building was originally to have been developed for nurses accommodation but will now be private apartments after the funding failed to materialise.

Planning officer Andrew Martin said that although the apartments would overlook the existing homes none of the residents had objected and steps would be taken, including using obscured glass, to mitigate the potential problems.

He said removing vents to an underground car park would improve the look of one of the key blocks, close to the railway station, where the five retail units were proposed.

Other changes include increasing the number of beds in the hotel planned for the Brewhouse building and changes to the way car parking is laid out.

In his report to the committee planning officer Mr Martin said: "The current application…continues to offer a fabulous vision – new housing integrated with a range of exciting community uses, blending high-quality contemporary architecture with the preservation of a set of substantial listed buildings."

"If the development proceeds as anticipated then your officers are in little doubt that it offers something entirely complimentary to the town centre, which should raise the status and appeal of Dorchester as a whole."

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Happy Birthday. Love, hugs, kisses, from Mum, Dad, Emma and Peter

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Happy Birthday on Sunday 29th April. Love Sarah, Ralph and James xxx

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Support for young sailors

■ **SAILING SUPPORT: Ben Ainslie (left) and David Dunn receive the cheque from Palmers' head brewer Darren Batten and Cleeves Palmer**

TRIPLE Olympic gold medallist Ben Ainslie took time out from training to receive more than £5,000 from Bridport's Palmers Brewery to help young or disabled people enjoy the thrill of sailing with the Chesil Trust. Ben was on hand at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) with trustees' chairman David Dunn to accept the cheque from Palmers.

The trust will get five pence for every pint of Palmers' Dorset Gold sold in Dorset and in the last year more than 115,000 pints were sold, making over £5,700 for the trust. In total Palmers has donated over £16,000 since it began supporting the trust in 2007.

The Chesil Trust assists in the provision of facilities for training in sailing and seamanship and other activities. To date the trust has enabled almost 9,000 children to go sailing for the first time and has also assisted talented young sailors from Dorset who between them have won a number of major competitions including three gold medals at the World Youth Sailing Championships. One of these young sailors has now joined the Team GBR Olympic Development Squad.

Much of the activity funded by the Chesil Trust takes place at WPNSA and many of the young people get their sailing experience at the venue for the sailing competition at the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

Palmers' sales and marketing director Cleeves Palmer said: "Sailing is not a sport many would be able to do without the help from the Chesil Trust. Through donations like these, Palmers is pleased to help introduce youngsters to the sport and see their interest grow from strength to strength."

The Chesil Trust, SailLaser, the Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre and WPNSA are actively working together to provide reduced-rate community sailing programmes.

The academy is the Games venue and a training ground for the UK's top sailors including Olympic gold medallists Nick Dempsey and Ben Ainslie, but it also aims to promote the sport of sailing to all levels of competence and ability through courses, training and events while supporting and working closely with the local Dorset community.

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Shop's appeal for more volunteers

THE opening of the new Julia's House charity shop in Dorchester. From left, assistant manager, Stacey Goodman, Julia's House retail manager, Marta Lonmire; mayor Tess James, shop manager, Helen Hodgetts with Honey Arnold-Jones who attends the hospice; chairman of Julia's House, Liz Gardiner and Julia's House CEO, Martin Edwards

by Trevor Bevins
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JULIA'S House first charity shop in Dorchester is now open — with organisers launching an immediate appeal for more volunteer staff.

As shoppers took advantage of the opening day retail manager Marta Longmire said she has a desperate need to double the number of volunteers from the current 13 to 25 or 26. Most only work once or twice a week for a few hours at a time.

And judging by the way sales were going on the first day the South Street shop will also soon need more 'previously loved' items to sell.

Dorchester Mayor Tess James cut the ribbon of the shop aided by Honey Arnold-Jones, who the Mayor had previously worked with when employed as a physiotherapist.

Julia's House chair Liz Gardiner praised the volunteer who have been busy getting the two-storey shop open for business. The Dorchester shop is the charity's ninth in the county.

"Virtually everything, including the painting, decorating and fitting out was completed by volunteers which has probably saved us around £5,000.

"Local people have been very generous too and we have a wide range of items for sale, including furniture."

She said that charity had been actively looking for a shop in Dorchester for three or four years and had signed the lease on the existing premises in December.

Initially the shop will open for six days a week but may also open on Sundays in the main season, provided enough volunteers can be found.

Items for the shop can be brought in and bulky items can be collected by arrangement by calling the shop on 01305 267999.

Julia's House is Dorset's hospice dedicated to children with life-limiting conditions. The majority of the children that it cares for are unlikely to live into adulthood. The children's hospice complements the work of the Julia's House Community Team, which consists of 69 nurses and carers who travel the county, providing life-changing support for families in their own homes.

Julia's House looks after the whole family, not just the sick child. It organises social activities and provides support for parents, brothers and sisters.

The charity says it will cost around £2.7m to run Julia's House in 2012, yet it received receives less than 10 per cent of its total annual funding from the government. The rest of the charity's essential income is raised through the generosity of the Dorset community, corporate partners

Police event to tackle rural crime

RURAL crime will be tackled at a Kingston Maurward event on Friday, April 27th.

Dorset Police and partners are holding a rural crime prevention event at the college between 9am and 4pm. It will highlight initiatives they can use to prevent crime and fire, many of which are low cost.

Dorchester Neighbourhood Inspector, Les Fry, said; "This is a great opportunity for members of our rural communities to come along and benefit from crime prevention advice.

"In these challenging times we want to help people to make it harder for criminals to commit crime by taking appropriate crime prevention steps.

"We are also working closely with Dorset Fire and Rescue Service to ensure we have up to date information about rural premises and properties which will help us to prevent fire and arson in these areas, and that should the need arise, fire crews have sufficient information about a location to promptly tackle fires."

Guest speakers at the event include; Jeremy Pope, the High Sheriff of Dorset, Dorchester and Sherborne Neighbourhood Inspector Les Fry, Clive Harris from NFU Mutual and Adam Quinney, the vice chairman of the NFU.

Oxygen after blaze

AN elderly lady had to be given oxygen after a fire at her flat in Pound Lane, Fordington on Sunday morning.

Fire crews were on the scene within four minutes and extinguished a small fire in the living room. The woman was led from her home by a neighbour who had also started tackling the fire with an extinguisher.

Tickets on sale for museum night event

TICKETS for Dorchester's museums night have gone on sale.

All six of the town's museums, plus the Roman Town House, have joined together to offer an £8 admission ticket for the night of Saturday, May 19th.

The special tickets, bought in advance, are valid for a family of up to two adults and four children.

Each of the museums now has tickets available. They can also be bought from the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre in Antelope Walk.

Museums at Night in Dorchester runs from 5pm to 9pm on Saturday, May 19th. Tickets are available on the night, but will then cost £12.

Several town centre cafes and restaurants will be open late on the evening with special offers.

Museums at Night in Dorchester is sponsored by four local businesses: the Dorchester BID which works to support, improve and enhance Dorchester; Dorset solicitors Humphries Kirk; exhibition, display and signage specialists Lam-art; and chartered accountants Edwards & Keeping.

Council working to reduce road casualties

THE provisional figure for the number of people killed or seriously injured on Dorset's roads in the past year was 196, which is a 27 per cent reduction compared with the previous five-year average.

Dorset County Council are working with its partners on initiatives to reduce the number of casualties further.

If you have a story for Dorchester contact Trevor Bevin on 07763535778

Hardy's home gets a furniture makeover

■ THE dining room at Max Gate, recreated thanks to furniture donations from Shell UK

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THOMAS Hardy's Max Gate home in Dorchester has now been properly furnished – thanks to a donation from Shell UK.

Only opened fully to the public for the first time last year the National Trust property has only been sparsely furnished until now.

But now, thanks to a donation of antique furniture from Shell UK, the house is once more furnished with period items.

Max Gate, off Alington Avenue, was designed by Hardy who moved there with his wife, Emma, in 1885.

While there he wrote many of his best loved works including Tess of the d'Urbervilles and the Mayor of Casterbridge.

James Grasby, the National Trust Curator who negotiated the deal, said: "We are fortunate to have photographs of the house when Hardy was here so we have used that evidence to recreate the rooms in the same mood as during Hardy's occupation and of his married life here.

"Visitors are already saying that it is like stepping into somebody's house, which is what we are aiming to achieve."

The donation from Shell UK came from their London offices and provided just the right type of furniture to recreate the feel of Hardy's home. The gift included bookcases, a selection of chairs, several writing desks and even lamps and ceramics.

"When I went to see what was on offer I found a mixture of styles, a Victorian dining table, a Regency sidetable and other Georgian and Edwardian pieces and all good quality," said James.

"But of course, Hardy didn't buy all new furniture, he furnished his home with a mixture of items, much as most people do today. This is good robust furniture which helps us to tell the story of what Max Gate was like when great works of literature were created here."

While the Shell donation has formed the core of furniture for Max Gate, the National Trust has added other items and purchased textiles, pictures and some silver plates to complete the look of the house.

"One of our volunteers, Jennifer Young made case covers for the furniture from some lovely fabric of the right period which was reclaimed from some old curtains," added James.

The house, which was designed by Hardy, was previously let to tenants and only open three afternoons a week for a few hours by arrangement with the tenants.

However, after they moved out, the National Trust decided to open the house fully last year, allowing access to all three floors for the first time and the garden.

The house was empty when Max Gate was given to the Trust in 1940.

Hardy's desk and many other objects he owned are in a recreation of his study at the Dorset County Museum in Dorchester.

Hardy, who was born in a small cob and thatch cottage near Dorchester in 1840, wrote his early works in what is now called Hardy's Birthplace. They included Under the Greenwood Tree and Far from the Madding Crowd.

Max Gate remained Hardy's home until his death in 1928. Emma had died in 1912.

It was originally much smaller and was only enlarged, by double the size, after he published Jude the Obscure.

Volunteers needed

VOLUNTEERS who have energy efficient homes in the Dorchester area are being asked to take part in an open weekend.

It will take place during Dorset Architectural Heritage Week in September.

The event is a community project, run by a member of Transition Town Dorchester.

Organisers are now seeking householders who would like to take part in the open homes weekend. Anyone whose home is highly energy-efficient, generates its own energy, or uses resources sustainably is encouraged to join in.

Householders who take part in the scheme are asked to open for a visit by the public during the weekend of September 8th and 9th.

The project is open to homes that have been designed and built to a high eco-standard from the beginning, and homes that were not eco-friendly but have been upgraded.

Those who would like to take part are asked to contact Sally on 07794432297 or at greendor2012@gmail.com.

Special walks

DORCHESTER Strollers will hold another of their special walks next week – meeting at 6pm outside Max Gate for an evening stroll.

The free, friendly walking group, which is designed to encourage people to take gentle exercise, is open to all age groups with each walk having a leader and a qualified first-aider.

Regular walks, generally around the town and its perimeters, take place on Monday, April 30th meeting at 10.30am at the Diabetes Centre in Bridport Road and on Tuesday, May 1st at 2.15pm setting off from the side of the Corn Exchange in North Square.

There will be no walk on Monday, May 7th because of the Bank Holiday.

On Thursday, May 10th May the group will catch the No 31 bus at 1.18 pm from Trinity Street to Bridport for a walk there, while on Monday, June 4th there will be a "Jubilee walk" to start in Poundbury with the walkers heading off to Maiden Castle.

Charity plant sale

DORCHESTER'S Weldmar Hospice will benefit from the sale of shrubs, plants and cakes in Buckland Newton Village Hall on Saturday, April 28th.

Bedding and house plants together with larger specimens will be offered for sale at the event which will also feature a cake stall and home-made produce. The sale starts at 10am.

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MP budget talk

DORCHESTER businesses will hear about the budget implications from West Dorset MP Oliver Letwin on Friday evening.

The MP, and a financial expert, will be talking to local businesses about the implications of the budget at a meeting in the King's Arms on Friday evening.

Dorchester Chamber of Commerce has organised the event which will start with a budget summary from Michael Catovsky of Albert Goodman CBH, the event sponsors. He will run through the main aspects of the new budget and how it will impact individuals and businesses.

This will be followed by comments from Mr Letwin and questions to him.

Chamber members and their guests are welcome to attend the free event.

To book either email the Dorchester Chamber secretary@dorchesterchamber.co.uk or call Kenneth Addison on 01305 250808.

New talent needed

NEW talent is needed to join The New Hardy Players.

The group is working towards its 2012 summer production of The Woodlanders and want new actors to join them.

The group hit the national headlines last year when Norrie Woodhall, who was still performing at over a hundred years old, and was the only living actor to have met Thomas Hardy, died.

Emily Fearn the play's director, said: "Norrie Woodhall who knew and worked with Thomas Hardy, always insisted that his sense of humour and observation of local people should be a big part of our productions.

"This production of The Woodlanders offers some fantasic roles of all sizes, and I invite anyone who wants to help us reveal the real Thomas Hardy to contact me."

Actors of any age are very welcome and should contact Emily on 07758515014 or email her at-woodlanders2012@gmail.com.

Students raise cash for air ambulance

■ STUDENTS from Kingston Maurward College have raised £300 for the Air Ambulance with a collection in South Street, Dorchester.

On market day morning nine students accompanied by a college tractor undertook a street collection persuading shoppers to part with their loose change for the emergency service.

This week the students have been taking part in a "Muckathon" hoping to bring their total for the Air Ambulance to at least £1,000.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture students have been muck spreading, cultivating and ploughing 25.8 hectares in 24 hours on the college estate.

Pictured are students from Kingston Maurward College who collected £300 for the Air Ambulance in Dorchester's South Street.

Skaters in for a treat at Skatejam event

HUNDREDS of youngsters are expected to take part in Dorchester's Skate and BMX Jam on Saturday.

DJs, demonstrations and a number of other attractions are planned for the event.

Taking part will be some of the best performers on skates, skateboards and BMX bikes.

The free event will be open from 11am until 6pm and will include competitions in different age groups with around £400 in prize money, in addition to equipment prizes, being given away.

Also there will be a mobile skate park, climbing wall and an area for parkour and slacklining.

Dorchester Caterbridge Rotary has given £200 to help pay for some of the expenses and will be there with their Scalextric Track providing a slightly less energetic diversion for the competitors and spectators.

Jubilee fayre

A DORCHESTER church is planning ahead for a Jubilee fayre.

It will be held from 11am to 4pm on Saturday, June 2nd at St Peter's Church in High West Street.

Attractions will include floral displays, stalls, Jubilee-themed activities and a memory board, which will have three sections - Coronation, Silver Jubilee and Golden Jubilee, on which people can record memories of where they were/what they were doing on "post-it notes" provided.

Young visitors will be invited to try their hand at making a crown or flag, followed by a grand parade at 2.30pm.

There will also be games and a silver jubilee jigsaw to be completed.

Town crier Alistair Chisholm will open the event and do a "cry" in town.

The event, which will be free to enter, will include refreshments available all day, including lunch. All proceeds will to go to the church.

Fundraising year

THE Dorchester group which supports the Julia's House Children's Hospice has a wide spectrum of fundraising events planned this year.

They include a barn dance at the home of author Minette Walters at the end of August.

Also planned is a street collection in the county town on Friday, May 25th during Children's Hospice Week. The charity will also be one of the beneficiaries from Martin Clunes' Buckham Fair in August.

Charity volunteers will be taking stalls and their collection tins to a number of events in and around Dorchester including Alton Pancras Fete, Dorchester Carnival, the Buckland Newton open gardens and the cider and beer festival at Martinstown.

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Veterans' parade

A PARADE of veterans is being planned for Armed Forces Day in Dorchester in July, followed by music from three bands in the Borough Gardens.

The event will start on Saturday, July 7th with the parade of veterans and serving personnel through the town with the salute being taken by Mayor Andy Canning.

Throughout the afternoon there will be music from three bands in the gardens, a civic service and the presentation of veterans badges.

A local committee has been raising funds to pay for the event and has also received grants from the Ministry of Defence, Rotary and the Oddfellows.

Rags to riches

FANCY your chances as a fashion designer?

A Dorchester charity shop is challenging competitors to create a "Rags to Riches" design using second-hand clothes.

Age UK in Trinity Street wants competitors to take five items of recycled clothing and recreate a new look on the theme "Rags to Riches".

The winner will receive a makeover and photo-shoot donated by Seven Springs Studio, while nine heat winners will get to model their creation on the catwalk at Age UK Dorchester's "Handbags to Gladrags" fashion event on June 22nd in the Corn Exchange.

All entrants will receive a free ticket to the event which will also include lots of pampering activities, as well as entertainment and the fashion show.

Entry forms, rules and your five items of clothing are available from the Age UK Dorchester shop on Trinity Street. It costs £3 to enter and you have until early June to design, cut, sew, stick, staple and create.

There are three age groups – under 16, 16-25 and over 25.

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Lots on offer for Dorset women

DOZENS of attractions are lined up for Dorset Women's Day in Dorchester this weekend.

Sexual health, vegan cooking, dance, jewellery making and photography will all be featured during the event, which takes place at the Dorford Centre on Saturday (April 28th) between 10.30am and 4pm.

Those taking part in the event will be asked to choose two workshops when they arrive.

If space and time allows other workshops may be chosen later in the day.

Amongst the events to choose from are - Dee Dee Wilde's dance workshop; sexual health with Jane Cromarty; jewellery making with Jezebels Jewels, learning how to make Sparkling Czech Crystal and Seed bead bracelets on memory wire with tutors Andrea Frankham-Hughes and Gill Ford; vegan cooking workshop with Sandra Hood from Compassionate Dorset; gentle stretch and relaxation with Katy Murrell; wire work jewellery, ring and pendant with Cath Coffin; podiatry with Carole McGuiness form Footfaults Podiatry; first aid from Sara Hodges of the British Red Cross; a drawing workshop led by Sandra Dale; getting published with Julie Musk from Roving Press who are based at Frampton and specialise in Dorset books.

Also available will be workshops on an introduction to colour and style and accessorising; singing with Jane Silver Corren; flat bread making with Tracy Smith; a knitting workshop and sewing and revamping with Trisha McNaughton; and a laughter workshop with Hilary Foggo which will prove that laughter really is the best medicine.

Also taking place during the day will be a focus group, which is being run as part of a research project into what life is like for women of all ages in Dorset.

Olympic runner tackles super triathlon

A TRIATHLON with a difference will raise money for the Dorchester based Weldmar Hospice and Julia's House next month.

Local athlete Tim Ellis, will run 87-miles from Marble Arch in London to Dover; kayak across the English Channel and then cycle the 180 miles to Paris.

His three-day super triathlon only allows for ten hours sleep and he is hoping to complete the route in under 60 hours.

The mid-May event should raise £5,000 for the two Dorset hospices.

In 2006 Tim ran the two way Chesil Beach 35mile run on the pebbles with "Enduroman" Edgar Ette in 11hours and in 2008 kayaked 60miles from Portland to Cherbourg in 18hours with Edgar, who will also be helping him to organise this new challenge.

A few weeks ago in preparation for London to Paris Tim and Eddie kayaked 100miles around the island of Lanzarote setting a record of three days 2hrs – after a day's rest Tim ran 32miles in 30degree heat.

Later in the year Tim will be a Torch Bearer for the 2012 Olympics.

Tim's online fundraising page is at http://www.justgiving.com/Tim-Ellis2Paris.

TIM in training for his kayak crossing of the English Channel

Fun runners needed

EXTRA participants are needed for this year's Lions Fun Run on Sunday, May 6th.

The event, where fancy dress is encouraged, is one of Dorchester's most popular fundraising events.

This year the organisers are offering a 10k route in addition to the one and two-mile events where there is absolutely no need to run, if you choose not to.

The Lions event, on Sunday, May 6th, will support local cancer charities and cancer support groups, including prostate and pancreatic cancers, with their share of the proceeds. Runners taking part will also be able to nominate their own charities to benefit from their personal fundraising.

All of the runs, the 10k, and the one and two-mile events, will start from the Thomas Hardye Leisure Centre in Coburg Road with registration from 9.15am, with the first event getting underway at 10.30am.

While keen runners might be haring around the 10k course, the Lions are keen to point out that you do not even need to run to participate – entrants will be welcome whether they walk or get pushed by someone else, although skateboards and scooters will not be allowed for health and safety reasons.

And, as in previous years, fancy dress will be positively encouraged.

This year is the 30th year of the event. Over the years the fun run has raised £190,000 for local charities.

Entry forms can be collected from main sponsors, Goulds, or from the Thomas Hardye Leisure Centre, or can be downloaded from www.lionsdorchester.org.uk.

Community picnic

DORCHESTER will host a DIY community picnic on Sunday, May 13th, to celebrate the arrival of the Olympics.

The Olympicnic will also feature live music and is planned to take place from 12.30pm to 3.30pm in the Borough Gardens.

It is being organised by Christian Aid and the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) and will include children's activities and a live music show presented by songwriter Martin John Nicholls.

The Bishop of Sherborne, Dr Graham Kings, will talk about his experiences of working in Africa at the end of the day and close the event with a short service.

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- Jurassic Journey exhibition of photography, digital imagery, music, poetry and sculpture
- étude - outdoor dance performance from Japan, Durlston

To find out more about these and other events running throughout the summer, go to: www.earthfestival2012.org

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Bird identification

DORSET Wildlife Trust is offering a three-day bird identification and surveying course next week.

Led by tutor Su Gough, from the British Trust for Ornithology, the introductory course will look at identifying birds, initially by sight and then moving on to song and calls. Participants will then be shown how to apply these new-found skills for conservation by taking part in simple, enjoyable and scientifically valuable surveys.

The indoor taught sessions, at the Kingcombe Centre, will be combined with plenty of chances to get out and practice what you have learnt.

The course runs from Monday, April 30th until Wednesday, May 2nd and costs £165, or £220 for those who want to stay at the centre. To book a place on the course ring 01300 320684.

Murder on the cards

MURDER will be committed at a Piddle Valley pub this weekend.

The Piddle Valley Players will be staging the killing at The Thimble Inn at Piddlehinton on Saturday evening, April 28th at 7.30pm.

Their production will be watched by diners who will be paying £12 a head with a three-course meal while watching the proceedings, before being invited to guess who did it?

Profits from the evening will be shared between the players and the Piddlehinton Millenium Green Trust. Tickets can be bought from the pub or by calling 01300 348286 or 348316.

Lunchtime concert

THE Dorchester Piano Trio will be presenting a lunchtime concert in the County Museum today, Thursday, April 26th, at 1pm.

A donation of £3 is encouraged for those attending. Guests may also like to look at the new exhibition of artworks inspired by Thomas Hardy's Wessex which has just opened in the museum's gallery.

St George's Day Fair

■ DANCE group The Studio entertain crowds at Fordington's St George's Day Fair

RAIN showers failed to dampen spirits at the annual St George's Day Fair in Fordington at the weekend.

The traditional fair, on the green, has long been one of Dorchester's most popular annual fund-raising events.

Mayor Tess James opened the event commenting on the risk of rain and praising organisers for putting on one of the earliest open air fairs of the year – despite the risk of April showers.

But before the rain came most of the entertainment had concluded with music from the town's Durnovaria Silver Band and singing from the Harmonious Funk Choir and Manor Park First School.

Modern dance was provided by The Studio with dance of a more traditional kind from Dorchester Ballet Club who danced on despite getting caught by the rain.

Traditional stalls and games filled the green, including a popular hog roast, sponsored by The Duchy, and brisk trade for stalls selling cakes, books, bric-a-brac, toys and jewellery.

A Pimms bar and juice bar offered options to traditional cream teas and tea and cake in the church hall.

Youngsters found plenty to do with a water pistol shoot, feeding the dragon, decorating a crown and face painting.

Inside the church there were a number of displays from local organisations and trips up the tower to the Bell Ringing Chamber.

The event was organised by a committee led by Vernon Moffat with Allen Knott MC for the day for the outside events and the Reverend Richard Press for those inside.

■ TRANSFORMATION: General manager Kevin Bungay in the Riviera's new reception area

Iconic hotel reopens

A CLASSIC art deco hotel has re-opened in Weymouth after a complete refit costing nearly £4 million.

The Riviera Hotel first opened its doors at Bowleaze Coveway in 1937 and it has been a major feature of the area's holiday trade for more than 70 years.

Current general manager Kevin Bungay has overseen the transformation of the Riviera back to peak condition after several years of decline.

More than 100 bedrooms have been refurbished with complete new suites, decoration and electrics.

The reception area is now a gleaming welcome in marble with new chandeliers, furniture and refurbished lifts while the leisure centre including an indoor pool area has been completely transformed.

The Riviera has also installed brand new kitchens while the restaurant has been totally modernised with wooden floors, new furniture and a marble entranceway.

The outdoor swimming pool, which will open in May, has also been completely restored while the Riviera grounds are being re-landscaped to create a new terrace for al fresco dining, coffees and drinks with unrivalled views of Weymouth Bay.

Mr Bungay said: "We had £15,000 worth of trees imported from Italy and Spain and they are already in position while more are on order for the terrace.

"We have already hosted our first wedding reception, more wedding receptions, parties, conferences, meetings and other events have been booked and all the signs are very good.

"In an Olympic year we will put the Riviera before the eyes of the world and we hope to attract tourists from many countries.

"We are delighted to be open again. What has been done is fantastic and the Riviera is back as the jewel in Weymouth's hotel crown."

A-board discussons

THE problems of advertising boards in Dorchester's streets — raised in the ***View from Dorchester*** earlier this year — was discussed on Tuesday.

A drop-in session was held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday to look at the future of advertising boards in the street.

The session was organised by Dorset County Council, West Dorset District Council and Dorchester Town Council, with representatives from each authority on hand to discuss the issue and take note of people's views.

Among the options being considered is whether A-boards should be banned altogether, or if they could be managed better within new, strict guidelines on usage — covering size, location and style of board.

Feedback from the session will be used to help the councils devise a new policy on the issue.

A complete history

CERNE Abbas Historical Society will look at the history of one of its neighbours at a meeting in the village hall today, Thursday 26th at 7.30pm.

Doreen Smith will speak about the history of Frampton from the Bronze Age to the Second World War.

She will focus on the Roman history of the village and the immediate surroundings and will also mention the Methodist 'tin tabernacle' and the old Priory.

Bike route choices

THREE route choices are on offer for this year's South Dorset Bikeathon in September.

Starting at Crossways Village Hall on Sunday, September 9th cyclists can choose from 9, 20 or 30-mile routes.

Entry for the event costs £3 for adults, £1.50 for children.

For details visit www.leukaemialymphomaresearch.org.uk/event/cycling/south-dorset-bikeathon-2012.

Mayor unveils bench

A STONE bench, carved by a Weymouth College student, has been unveiled at Poundbury.

Mayor of Dorchester, Tess James, led the celebration of the installation by the fountain in Victor Jackson Square on Friday.

It was commissioned to commemorate the marriage of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in April 2011.

The bench has been carved by a Weymouth College level 3 stonemasonry student, Peter Loizou.

Peter was overall winner in 2010 and 2011 of Weymouth College Stone Boss competitions and produced the winning design for the Thomas Fowell Buxton monument to be erected in Weymouth in 2012.

Chair of Poundbury Residents Association, Margaret Morrissey said she was pleased with the latest addition to Poundbury's landscape : "I am delighted with the new bench. Local residents have noticed that mothers and children, as well as office workers, enjoy sitting on the benches by the fountain in the summertime and this bench not only offers more seating, but is a reminder of a particularly joyful event."

Mrs Morrissey also praised committee member Ian Ingrey Counter who has led the project. She said: "We wish to extend our sincere thanks to Kevin Crabbe and the team from the Duchy of Cornwall who have been so helpful with the specification, practical help, and installation."

■ **DORCHESTER Mayor Tess James cuts the ribbon on a new bench in Victor Jackson Square at Poundbury. With her are Poundbury Residents Association chair Margaret Morrissey; stonemason Peter Loizou and committee member Ian Ingrey Counter who has led the project**

Anonymous acts released

ORGANISERS of Dorchester's free youth festival, Anonymous, have announced some of the acts to perform this year.

Local indie band The Indices will be joined by young rappers Dreads and Lyrical Agent along with the sounds of The Little Victory. Festival goers, young and old alike, will also get a chance to try their hand at slacklining, with Maverick Slackline or free running with Train Hard.

There will be zorbing, a bouncy castle as well as art and craft workshops. The main stage in Maumbury Rings will include performance by local dance groups, while the open mic area will return, sponsored by Keep Love Sweet, and will allow young acoustic musicians to show off their songs.

Community Development Officer Emma Scott said: "Anonymous really is a festival of youth and showcases the wide range of activities that young people enjoy."

Festival co-ordinator Keith Hatch added. "This is the fourth year Anonymous has happened and it keeps just getting bigger and better."

Anonymous 2012 will be held in Maumbury Rings on August 25th.

Hospital fundraiser

ONE of Dorchester's shopping arcades is planning an event in August to raise funds for the maternity ward at the County Hospital.

Antelope Walk businesses, and others nearby, are being signed up for the Saturday, August 4th event.

The traders are hoping that visitors to the area for the Olympics will come to the county town on the day to enjoy a fun day out. Businesses are already coming forward to offer their support including prizes for a raffle being offered by Hi Ho Silver, Stems Florists, the Loft Café, Naturalife, the Body Shop and Figure 8.

Others are arranging their own competitions — including a Pirate Day at Harpers Barbers; guess the weight of the pasty at Celtic Kitchen and a raffle with lingerie sets as prizes at Mirari. The Lions will be running a charity collection while the Oak Tea Rooms is offering lunch for two as a raffle prize .

The Robin James Salon will be raffling an Aveda Hamper for the value of £330 and in an unusual twist consultant Michael Dooley from the Poundbury Clinic will be cutting the hair of one of the Owen and Simpson cookshop's staff. Also being planned is an 11-a-side charity football match.

German visitors

VISITORS from Dorchester's twin German town of Lubbecke will visit the county town this weekend.

The Mayor and other guests will be in Dorchester on Friday, April 27th when they will take part in a civic reception in the evening.

After a day in Dorchester on Saturday they will travel to Portland on Sunday, after a church service, to see the Olympic sailing waters and the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy. That visit will be followed by the Lubbecke Schutzen Musikcorps, as guests of the Durnovaria Silver Band, from July 12th to 17th and then youth footballers in October.

In September a visit to Dorchester from Bayeux is being planned with a twinning reception at the town hall, amongst other activities.

One of Dorchester's twinning visits will not be taking place this year — that with Holbaek in Denmark.

A proposed visit has been postponed until 2013.

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At Bluebird Care we recognise that the care we provide can form part of a wider supportive network for our customers and we always endeavour to keep abreast of local activities and opportunities. If some extra support was needed to attend a local art group or exercise class this, again, could all be arranged as part of a package from Bluebird Care.

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WITH the schools on Portland gaining academy status and the shake-up of Southwell Park in 2013, The Ocean Spa has begun the design process for the relocation of the spa, exploring various luxurious design options and features, which will see the spa move within closer proximity to The Venue Hotel.

An award-winning spa design team has already been appointed to ensure the new building has the same sumptuous and relaxing atmosphere that members enjoy, along with modernised and improved facilities.

After recent research into The Ocean Spa's clientele, it was revealed that people travel from as far as London and Berkshire to enjoy the wide range of spa treatments and experienced therapists.

The Ocean Spa will retain their range of treatments after the move, as well as introducing a couple of new treats along the way.

Meanwhile, The Ocean Spa have added two new fitness classes to the timetable. Pump FX (Tuesdays 6-7pm) is a weights to music class that tones all the muscle groups, and Blast FX (Tuesdays 7:15-8:15pm) offering dynamic conditioning routines that promise to shed fat and boost fitness fast. These are open to everyone and can be paid for on the day or as part of a group of sessions.

As time draws closer to the Olympic Sailing events, The Ocean Spa is looking forward to welcoming back teams from all over the world who spent time training there during the summer.

The teams will return over the coming months to continue their fitness programmes in the gym and fitness studios along with Deep Tissue Massages and customised Personal Training Sessions.

If you would like to find out more about The Ocean Spa or anything else mentioned then please get in touch on 01305 842117, find the spa on Facebook, or visit www.theoceanspa.co.uk

Olympic event funds

FUNDING for local celebrations to mark the arrival of the Olympic torch in West Dorset is being offered by the district council.

The Olympic Flame will travel through the district on Thursday, July 12th and Friday 13th.

To help celebrations the district council set aside up to £5,000 and is now telling parish and town councils who is to get a share of the money.

A total of £4,922 is being awarded to 11 town and parish councils in West Dorset.

The maximum grant being given to a parish council is £400 and the maximum for a town council is £550.

Among the events being planned is a sporting event with an Olympic theme and an evening event with entertainment and a hog roast in Burton Bradstock.

Chideock is being decorated in the Olympic colours and a tea will be held in the village hall after the torch relay has passed through the village.

Lyme Regis is planning celebrations on the seafront once the torch relay procession has passed, including a parade of sporting achievers from the town.

Residents of Abbotsbury have been busy making sail-shaped banners which will line the route through West Street, Market Street and Rodden Row.

In Chickerell a community planting scheme is being organised to decorate the town and a barbecue, with food, music and other entertainment, is being planned for Saturday, July 14th.

In Osmington a Mini Olympics sports event and picnic lunch will be held at the village hall and field on Friday, July 13th.

A council spokesman said: "We are pleased to support these events and would encourage people to get involved with the celebrations, line the streets and show their support for the torchbearers carrying the Olympic Flame through their communities."

The Olympic Flame will arrive in West Dorset at around 12.30pm on Thursday, July 12th.

It will travel through Puddletown, Dorchester, Winterbourne Abbas, Bridport, Chideock, Lyme Regis, Burton Bradstock, Abbotsbury and Portesham before finally passing through Chickerell and into the borough of Weymouth and Portland in time for the evening celebrations on Weymouth Beach.

On the Friday the Flame will leave from Portland Bill and travel east through Osmington in West Dorset and on towards Poole and Bournemouth.

For detailed street level information about where you will be able to see the Olympic Flame as it passes, and more information about events, visit www.dorsetforyou.com/sail-

■ LITTER pickers have again been out in force giving the area a spring clean. In Broadmayne, scouts, cubs, beavers, leaders and parents were joined by Broadmayne Brownies for the annual village litter pick. The youngsters and adults split into groups to clear the playing fields, local roads and lanes of litter, filling 14 bags of litter and making Broadmayne a much cleaner village to be part of. In Dorchester the task was tackled by five members of the Dorchester Morning Woman's Institute

Wine and cheese event

A WINE tasting evening with local cheeses and Dorset products is being held at Lulworth the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

Majestic Wine will be offering a range of wines to taste on the evening of Thursday, May 10th with ten per cent of the value of any orders taken on the evening being donated to the hospice.

The £12 tickets include the wine tasting, accompanied by a variety of local cheeses and Dorset products. The event starts at 6.30pm.

This year the event will also include a demonstration by Bindon Springs Health Spa.

To book call Weldmar Hospicecare Trust on 01305 215320 or visit www.weldhospice.org.uk/winetasting.

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BENEFITS advice and other financial help will be available at Age UK Dorchester today, Thursday, April 26th.

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To make an appointment, please contact Age UK Dorchester on 01305 269444 or call in at Rowan Cottage.

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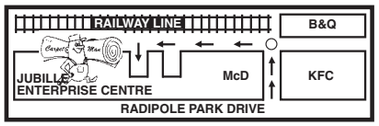

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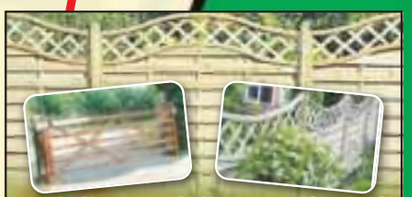

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The British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (BACP) is the major governing body for Counsellors and Psychotherapists in the UK they confirm the trend that more people are willing to go to Counselling and a huge rise in the need for therapy.

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Steve has worked with a wide variety of clients including Katy Sexton (aged 30) M.B.E British International Swimmer and Athlete who says of her experience, Life takes a turn that you are not expecting, and mine did just that.

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Other clients speak about how Steves warmth, approachability, sense of humour and down to earth approach has helped them deal with a myriad of issues and be able to move on.

Increasingly people in the public eye are opening up and talking about their experiences of depression and the benefits of Therapy including Stephen Fry, Ruby Wax and recently Cricketer Freddie Flintoff who has made a programme for the BBC in which other well known sportsmen talk about their personal experiences of anxiety depression and the benefits of therapy.

Steve says that he has noticed a trend whereby more men are finding it acceptable to admit that they need help and to seek it out. It is not surprising then that more people are finding their way to Steves Counselling Room in Dorchesters high street. If you would like to know more about Steve Briggs and how he could help you or your family ring 07761336391 for a confidential chat or check out his extensive and user friendly website. www.stevebriggs.org

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View 2

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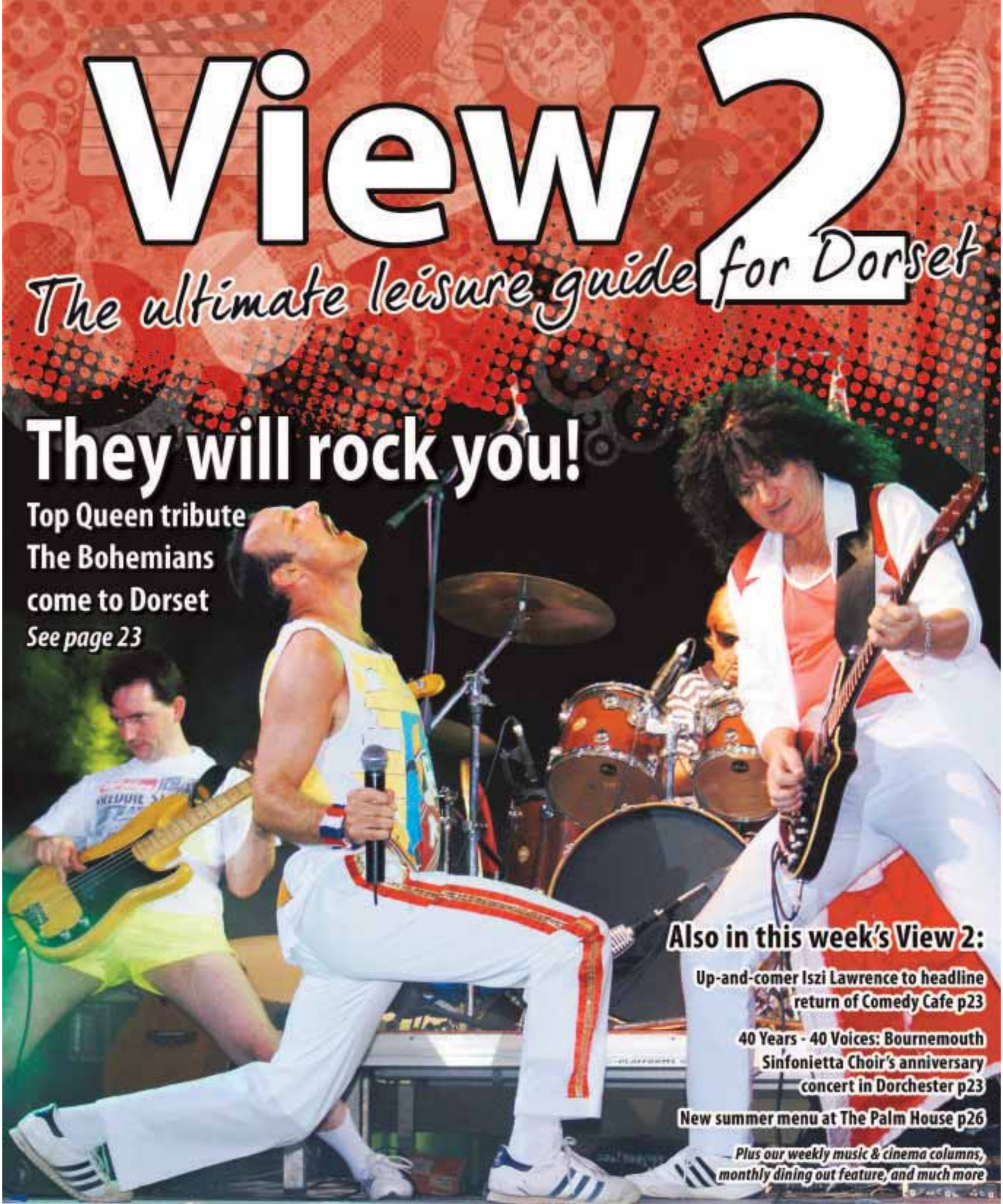

They will rock you!

Top Queen tribute The Bohemians come to Dorset

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Fri-Tue: 15.20, 17.50, 20.15
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Wed & Thu: 15.20, 17.50

Avengers Assemble *in 3D* [12A]
Daily: 14.10, 14.50, 15.50, 17.20, 19.00, 20.30, 21.15
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.00, 12.40

Battleship [12A]
Daily: 14.50, 17.50, 20.50
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.50am

Avengers Assemble *in 2D* [12A]
Daily: 13.20, 16.30, 18.00, 19.45
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.40am

The Hunger Games [12A]
Fri-Tue: 14.20, 17.30, 20.40
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Titanic *in 3D* [12A]
Fri-Tue: 19.30

The Lucky One [12A]
Wed & Thu: 13.20, 15.40, 18.00, 20.20

American Pie: Reunion [15]
Wed & Thu: 15.15, 17.45, 18.30, 20.15, 21.00

Lockout [15]
Fri-Tue: 18.40, 21.00

Mirror Mirror [U]
Fri-Tue: 14.30, 17.00
Plus Sat & Sun: 12.00

Pirates! In An Adventure With Scientists *in 2D* [U]
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Puss In Boots *in 2D* [U]
Sat: 10.10am

The Smurfs *in 2D* [U]
Sat: 10.20am

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African Cats [U]
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Sat: 13.00, 17.40, Sun: 13.00

American Pie Reunion [15]
Wed & Thu: 20.15

Gone [12A]
Daily: 17.25, 20.15
Plus Sat, Sun, Wed: 15.05

Mirror Mirror [PG]
Sat & Sun: 15.15

Salmon Fishing In The Yemen [15]
Fri, Mon, Tue, Thu: 17.15, 20.05
Sat, Wed: 14.40, 17.15, 20.05
Sun: 20.05

The Cabin In The Woods [15]
Fri, Sat, Mon, Tue: 20.10, Wed: 15.20

Pirates! In An Adventure With Scientists [U]
Sat & Sun: 12:30

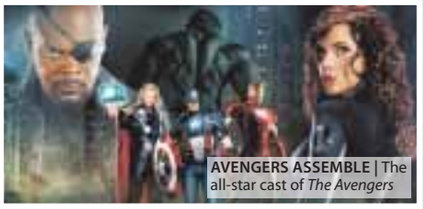
Wrath Of The Titans [12A]
Sat & Sun: 12:40

View 2 Cinema

This week's big screen releases

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE [12A]
NICK Fury is director of S.H.I.E.L.D, an international peace keeping agency. The agency is a who's who of Marvel Super Heroes, with Iron Man, The Incredible Hulk, Thor, Captain America, Hawkeye and Black Widow. When global security is threatened by Loki and his cohorts, Nick Fury and his team will need all their powers to save the world from disaster.

Stars Robert Downey Jr as Iron Man, Chris Evans as Captain America, Mark Ruffalo as The Hulk and Chris Hemsworth as Thor, as well as Scarlett Johansson, Samuel L Jackson and Gwyneth Paltrow.


AVENGERS ASSEMBLE | The all-star cast of *The Avengers*

OUTSIDE BET [TBC]
SET against the turbulent mid 80s backdrop of money, privatisation, unions and dramatic media evolution, a life-long group of friends find themselves at the bad end of a redundancy pay-out and invest their savings into a racehorse, hoping that one final race can turn their fortunes around.

Stars Vincent Regan, Jenny Agutter and Bob Hoskins.

ALBERT NOBBS [15]
ALBERT Nobbs struggles to survive in late 19th century Ireland, where women aren't encouraged to be independent. Posing as a man, so she can work as a butler in Dublin's most posh hotel, Albert meets a handsome painter and looks to escape the lie she has been living.

Stars Glenn Close, Mia Wasikowska and Aaron Johnson.

AFRICAN CATS [U]
A DISNEY nature documentary centered on two cat families and how they teach their cubs the ways of the wild.

Narrated by Samuel L Jackson

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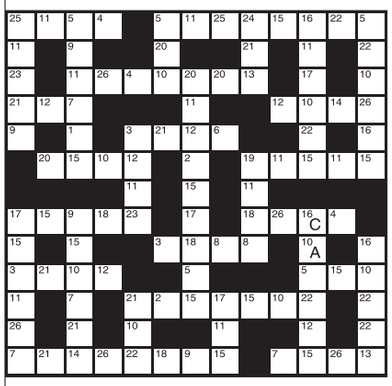
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. Needle without an eye? (7)
8. Drop it, perhaps, being apathetic (6)
9. Gets the better of the teachers? (7)
10. Very much the opposite (6)
11. Really can fit when adjusted properly (2,4)
12. Car owner in distress, and showing it! (8)
18. Hide inside bandsmen's concert instruments (8)
20. He makes things hot for his employer (6)
21. There's no telling if it is to be kept (6)
22. Fight with some noise like a bird (7)
23. Foresee six coming in to eat (6)
24. Where to obtain a degree in common talk (7)

Down

1. The type inclined to emphasise (7)
2. They give people their addresses (7)
3. The pattern of old China (6)
5. If you lose them, you're lost! (8)
6. Released — or shot (3,3)
7. Smart evergreen (6)
13. Garment worn out (8)
14. Prepare to travel in a decent raincoat (7)
15. Seats one pays for (7)
16. A state of perfection (6)
17. They weren't worn long during the Sixties (6)
19. He takes orders and forms a circle (6)

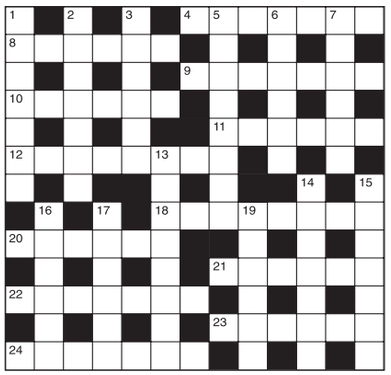
Quick Clues:

Across

4. Recipe (7)
8. Wonder (6)
9. Law (7)
10. Kidnap (6)
11. Originate (6)
12. Scowling (8)
18. Not obligatory (8)
20. To journey (6)
21. To still (6)
22. To cloy (7)
23. Get down (6)
24. Fruit course (7)

Down

1. Lovable (7)
2. Boring tool (7)
3. Swordsman (6)
5. Unqualified (8)
6. Purpose (6)
7. Hidden (6)
13. Image worshipper (8)
14. Magnify (7)
15. A region's weather (7)
16. Decorated (6)
17. Evades (6)
19. Models of perfection (6)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Photography; 9 Ire; 10 Pentagram; 11 Essay; 13 Rancour; 14 Nuance; 16 Stairs; 18 Ingrate; 19 Again; 20 Extra hand; 21 Don; 22 Presumption. Down: 2 Hoe; 3 Tipsy; 4 Gentry; 5 Against; 6 Harmonica; 7 Fire engines; 8 Imprisoning; 12 Slaughter; 15 Cravats; 17 Becalm; 19 Audit; 21 Duo. QUICK - Across: 1 Opprobrious; 9 Bet; 10 Plausible; 11 Tacky; 13 Expanse; 14 Untidy; 16 Advise; 18 Time-lag; 19 Fight; 20 Variegate; 21 Era; 22 Institution. Down: 2 Put; 3 Reply; 4 Brazen; 5 Insipid; 6 Unbending; 7 Obstructive; 8 Deferential; 12 Catamaran; 15 Dullest; 17 Aghast; 19 Fleet; 21 Ego.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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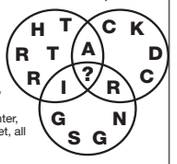
1	4	6	7	8	3	2	9	5
5	6	8	4	2	7	1	3	9
9	7	1	6	3	8	5	4	2
4	3	2	9	1	5	7	6	8

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is P. Pointer, spaniel, whippet, all breeds of dog.

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Comedy Cafe returns with headliner Iszi Lawrence

AFTER a month away the Bridport Arts Centre Comedy Cafe returns this week with another stellar line up.

The night features five new acts, all fresh onto the circuit, and a headline act who promises to round off the night in style.

Time Out recommended headliner Iszi Lawrence perfectly balances her intelligence and sharp wit with silly jokes and stories, making her a hit with every audience and promising to be the perfect act for the arts centre crowd.

Destined for big things Iszi has caught the eye of many great acts including Sara Millican, Greg Davies and Jo Caulfield who have all heaped praise on her performance. Iszi has been a London Lite Comedy Pick and reached the semi finals of the BBC New Comedy Awards and is now establishing herself as a consistently funny act across the UK.

Joining Iszi on the line up will be Craig Rance, one of the south East's brightest new open spots, Jason Manly who delighted audiences on his last visit to the comedy cafe in 2011 and Nigel Lovell who has completed more than 150 gigs in his short time on the circuit.

Completing the line up will be former Reading Comedy festival New Act of the Year James Mason, who delivers his meticulously crafted gags and monologues in his trademark deadpan and sarcastic tone, and Matt Dyson, who likes to tackle the world of modern politics in his routine and prides himself on being the only comedian to flee an Edinburgh Fringe venue through a window chased by a man with an accordion.

Compere for the evening will be Bridport's own Tom Glover, fresh from being crowned Swanage Comedy Festival New Act of the Year and appearing in the Bath Comedy Festival final.

Tom will be testing his latest new material as well as taking a sideways look at some of the goings on in and around the town.

The April Bridport Arts Centre Comedy Café will be at 8pm this Friday, April 27th.

Tickets are available from the box office 01308 424204, £5 adults/£3 concessions.

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Media highlights include ITV's Queen Mania, Radio 1 & 4 and the Charlotte Church Show and some fun with Al Murray on his Happy Hour Wrap Party with Brian May and Queen's backing band in the audience, playing support to Brian May and The Cross at the Queen Fan Club and Freddie Mercury Birthday Party Queen Fan Club Convention and Christmas Parties.

The Bohemians will be appearing at the Electric Palace on Saturday 12th May. Doors open at 7.00pm and tickets are £14.00 each. Tickets are available in advance from Bridport Tourist Information Centre on 01308 424901 or at www.seetickets.com.

40 Years 40 Voices

Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir's Anniversary Concert in Dorchester

THIS year, Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir - one of the top chamber choirs in the south of England – celebrates its 40th season. One of the highlights of its anniversary season is a concert entitled "Spem in Alium: 40 Years – 40 Voices", to be performed in St Mary's Church, Dorchester on Saturday 28th April at 7.30pm.

The centrepiece of the concert will be a performance of one of the most famous and challenging works in the choral repertoire: Spem in Alium by Thomas Tallis. This was written in about 1570 for 40 individual voice parts, divided into eight choirs of five voices. The 40 separate parts produce an amazingly rich and varied sound, exploiting the stereophonic effects of using eight choirs. This is a rare opportunity to hear a remarkable work that is seldom performed because of its technical difficulties.

In order to perform Spem in Alium, the Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir, which comprises only 31 members, has invited guests, including former members, to sing the remaining parts. The rest of the concert programme makes good use of this expanded choir, and includes other rarely heard pieces for multiple voices, ranging from the 15th to the 21st century.

The Choir has received high praise for its rich and well-rounded tone and for the excitement of its performances. Conductor David Gostick says: "This concert is not to be missed. It offers a rare opportunity to hear music that few choirs are able to perform. St Mary's Church is one of the Choir's favourite venues, and its size and acoustics are ideal for large-scale choral works of this kind."

Tickets cost £12, or £2 for under-18s. They are available from the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre (01305 267992), from the Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir's box office (01722 710511), from its website (www.bschoir.org.uk) or at the door.

View 2 Diary Dates

UNTIL MAY 26TH

BLANDFORD FORUM: 'Altered Images' at The Incident Room, 32 Salisbury Street, DT11 7AR. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30am-4pm. Images created by combining elements from photographic images, or digital manipulation of a single image, often with surprising and vibrant results - by Pamela Hollis.

SATURDAY APRIL 28TH

DORCHESTER: Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir perform 'Spem in Alium: 40 Years – 40 Voices' at St Mary's Church, from 7:30pm. Tickets cost £12 (£2 for under 18s) available from the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre (01305 267992), Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir's box office (01722 710511), www.bschoir.org.uk or at the door. For more information, please contact Charles Cordy (01300 341618; charles.cordy@ndirect.co.uk) or David Gostick (01258 456596; david_gostick@yahoo.com)

SATURDAY MAY 5TH

WEYMOUTH: Plant Sale for your annuals, perennials, herbs and vegetables at St Aldhelm's Church, Spa Road, from 10am-12noon. Refreshments available. Proceeds to new Church Centre.

SUNDAY MAY 6TH

PUDDLETOWN: Plant Heritage (Dorset Group) Plant Fayre at Athelhampton House, from 10:30am-3pm. Many Specialist Nurseries and Plant Heritage members' stalls provide the plants that cannot be found in garden centres. Enjoy a good day out with the opportunity to look around these splendid gardens. Entry free to members, concessions to non-members with PH leaflet (details on 01305 772533 or www.nccpg.com/in-your-area - click on 'Dorset' and go to 'Plant Sales').

MONDAY MAY 7TH

BLANDFORD: Georgian Fayre open from 10am. Entry £2. Moneys raised will go towards local organisations including the Blandford Youth Trust, Blandford Oppportunity Group and more. Entertainment includes Ghurkha Dancers, Coles funfair, town crier competition, the Galactic Knights, and Countryside Display team amongst others. There will be a parage through the town along East Street to the Corn Exchange. For more details visit www.georgianfayre.co.uk

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Saturday 12th	The Bohemians, Queen's Greatest Hits Show Tickets £14.00
Monday 14th	The Fureys and Davey Arthur Tickets £16.50
Tuesday 15th	The Skatalites Tickets £18.50
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Shave Cross Inn: no ordinary village pub

by Rob Coombe

Situated in the centre of the beautiful Marshwood Vale, is the famous and popular Shave Cross Inn, with its unique Shavers Restaurant, which has been serving authentic British, Modern Caribbean and International cuisine for the past 8 years. The pub has been awarded many accolades, including winning two CAMRA Pub of the Year awards for its real ales and ciders, and features in Alastair Sawday's Special places Pubs and inns of England and Wales as being in the top 10 best summer gardens.

They have also recently achieved the maximum Food Hygiene Rating of five from the food standards agency.

This is the one place that has a very individual sitting at the end of several tortuously narrow lanes where you can get away from it all, for people wishing to unwind, relax, chill out and recover from the stresses of modern life.

All the meals on the fine dining Menu are made fresh to order, so you can be sure of the highest quality. All the recipes and dishes have been adapted from Roy and Mel's travels around the world and especially from the Caribbean of which Tobago is their second home. Many of the ideas also come from Vatulele in Fiji where they were married, as well as the Pacific Rim, Thailand and Louisiana with its hypnotic Cajun music. Please have a look at the page opposite for a sample menu.

The fresh, and vibrant menu uses only the finest local fish, meat and produce, with all seasonings and spices coming direct from the Caribbean and the exotic fishes coming via a high class provisioner, fresh and chilled.

As well as the restaurant, The Shave Cross Inn boasts some 5 star luxury boutique accommodation, which makes it ideal to stay over and take advantage of the idyllic location. The Shave Cross House is a newly built Dorset flint stone building with beautiful stone floors and oak beams constructed in the same tradition as the 700 year old Inn.

The accommodation, comprises of 7 luxury en-suite rooms of which 3 are four-poster double bedrooms, 3 are doubles with sleigh beds, and 2 honeymoon suites. Each room has been individually designed by the owners and furnished with luxurious fittings. All rooms are en-suite, have flat-screened T. V's hairdryers and tea making facilities. The rooms are available for daily, weekly or weekend breaks; so why not spend a romantic weekend, and enjoy the delights of the unique Shavers Restaurant at the Shave Cross Inn.

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New summer menu at The Palm House

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Spacious modern detached bungalow in Uplyme

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The well presented accommodation comprises three double bedrooms, one en-suite and family bathroom, lounge, dining room, study/garden room and attractively re-fitted kitchen.

Outside, the garden lies mainly to the rear which is south facing and offers plenty of space for growing produce as well as entertaining. There is a detached garage and driveway parking for several vehicles.

The property has uPVC double glazing throughout including external doors with the exception of the door from the utility room. Gas central heating is via a combi boiler. The kitchen and bathrooms were all re-fitted approx. 6 years ago.

The property is perfectly situated for access to the Uplyme Primary School (Mrs Ethelston's) and the Woodroffe Secondary School, both of which have excellent reputations and all village facilities are within a few minutes walk.

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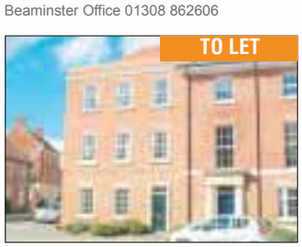

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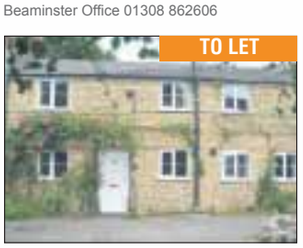

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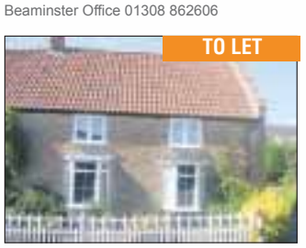

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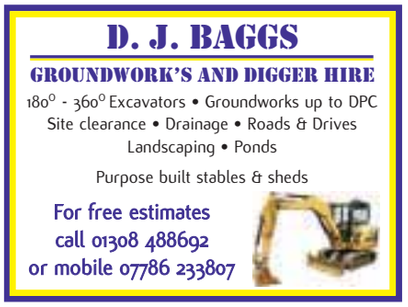

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09 (59) C3 1.4 HDi AIRDREAM 5-DR, silver	2	22,000	£6,995
08 (08) C1 1.0 RHYTHM 5-DR, blue, £20 rfl	1	14,000	£5,995
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New Škoda compact hatch to be called RAPID

THE new ŠKODA compact hatch will be called the Rapid, the brand announced yesterday (23rd April) at AUTO CHINA 2012 in Beijing. The car will make its debut in Europe before the year is out. A Chinese version of the Rapid will be built and sold in China from 2013. The close-to-series concept car, which ŠKODA is displaying in Beijing, provides a preview of the new Chinese model specifically.

"As part of its growth strategy, ŠKODA has initiated the largest model offensive in its corporate history and will bring a new vehicle to market every six months on average in the years ahead," Škoda CEO Winfried Vahland said at the brand's press conference in Beijing. "The Rapid is our next new model. It has a central importance for our growth and will provide us with a strong tailwind on international markets," said Winfried Vahland.

With the Rapid, ŠKODA offers an attractive and family-oriented model in a global growing segment between the Fabia and the Octavia. The MissionL design study provides a preview of the car's design and concept.

ŠKODA showed the MissionL's European variant at IAA 2011 in Frankfurt and is displaying a version modified for Chinese market in Beijing. For the interior design of the Chinese model, ŠKODA conducted extensive research in China and asked customers about their individual wishes in order to build a car that suited the customers' needs. MissionL China and the future compact sedan are the ideal combination of ŠKODA genes and Chinese demand.

"MissionL China is true ŠKODA. It perfectly embodies the brand's values: fresh design, functionality, roominess, ingenuity, and price-to-value ratio typical for our cars," Vahland added. "This car makes a clear statement: precise and emotional. Lots of room for the driver, passengers and luggage. An ideal car for families. Simply clever."

The European version of ŠKODA's Rapid will reach UK showrooms from late 2012.

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DORSET FOOTBALL

Portland closing in on Senior title

ROUND-UP
Premier League
WESTLAND SPORTS 5 PORTLAND UNITED 1
PORTLAND United were left clinging on to their top spot in Premier League by a thread after suffering a 5-1 hammering at title-favourites Westland Sports.

Lewis Whyton netted the Islanders lonely-looking consolation.

BRIDPORT RES 1 CHICKERELL UTD 3
TWO goals from Nick Etherington and single from Tom Peck saw Chickerell United bounce back to winning ways with an impressive 3-1 win over Bridport Reserves at St Mary's.

Jamie Morgan scored for the Bees.

SENIOR LEAGUE
PORTLAND United have a hand firmly on the Senior league championship trophy after a 5-0 victory over Piddletrenthide United.

Simon Crouch, Tom Bell, Grant Chance, Joshua Burton and Daniel Newnham shared the goals for the Islanders who would need to loose their last match by a colossal 15 goals to be pipped by Wareham Rangers.

Upwey & Broadwey stay in third place after Ethen Devaney, Richard Frost and Darren Samways scored in their 3-0 win over Witchampton United.

Meanwhile, Chickerell United stay rooted to the foot of the table despite a 2-0 win at Weymouth Sports.

DIVISION ONE
THE top two sides - Mere Town and Westland Sports moved further away from the chasing pack. With two games to go there is just one point in it with Mere in the pole position after their 8-1 win against Merley Cobham Sports.

In second spot are Westland Sports who returned from Poole Borough with a 3-1 victory with the Hornets goal coming from Lewis Smith.

Granby Rovers stay in third place despite being held to a 2-2 draw at the Ship Inn Wool with the Ship goals coming from James Akers and George Towers.

Fourth place side Bere Regis won 7-2 at Dorchester Borough 7-2 with the Borough goals coming from Lee Clarke and Dan Sidwell

Dorchester Town moved up into the top half of the League following their 3-2 win against the Kangaroos with the 'Roos goals coming from Martin and Jason Hillier.

DIVISION TWO
CORFE Mullen clinched at least the runners-up spot as only the 11th Signals from Blandford Camp can pip them for the title (the two meet at Blandford in their last game next week).

This follows Corfe's 2-1 win at Crossways with strikes from Daniel Flooks and Jack McGann while Matthew Read scored the Crossway consolation

Bridport 3rds kept their promotion hopes alive with an 8-0 win at Corfe Castle. Chris Symes scored a hat-trick for the Bees.

11th Signals moved up into third place after a 9-0 mauling of Weymouth Spartans. John Shields led the rout with five and there was a hat-trick for Richard Wood and one for Simon Tate.

Garry Camp and Andy Bell scored the goals which earned Wyke Regis Social Club a 2-1 win over The Balti House.

DIVISION THREE
THE division was concluded by an entertaining 4-4 draw between Cranborne and Piddlehinton.

DIVISION FIVE
DORCHESTER Community Church finished their season on a high beating Maiden Newton & Cattistock 6-0 with their goals coming from Chris Ryan (4) Ashley Mackie and Ben Goulding.

Division Four & Five League Cup
Group Four
WITH the group already won by Broadstone Poundbury Rovers and Swanage Town & Herston played out a 2-3 draw with Dan Mitchem and John Carter on target for the Rovers.

RESULTS - Saturday, April 21st
Premier League
Blandford United 3-4 Cranborne
Bridport Res 1-3 Chickerell United
Hamworthy Rec 4-2 Shaftesbury
Hamworthy Utd Res 1-3 Sturm Marshall
Holt United 1-1 Parley Sports
Swanage & Herston 8-0 Poole Borough
Tintinhull 0-3 Wincanton Town
Westland Sports 5-1 Portland United

Senior League
Okeford United 5-1 Kingston Lacy
Portland United 5-0 Piddletrenhide Utd
Upwey & Broadwey 3-0 Witchampton
Weymouth Sports 0-2 Chickerell United

Division One
Dorchester Borough 2-7 Bere Regis
Kangaroos 2-3 Dorchester Town
Mere Town 8-1 Merley Cobham
Poole Borough 1-3 Westland Sports
Ship Inn Wool 2-2 Granby Rovers

Division Two
Corfe Castle 0-8 Bridport A
Crossways 1-2 Corfe Mullen United
Milborne Sports 0-1 Gillingham Town
Weymouth Spartans 0-9 11th Signals
Wyke Regis SC 2-1 The Balti House

Division Three
Cranborne 4-4 Piddlehinton United

Division Five
Dorchester CC6-0 Maiden Newton & C
Handley Sports 2-3 AFC Blandford.

Division Four & Five League Cup
SECTION FOUR
Poundbury Rovers 2-2 Swange Town & H

FIXTURES
Tonight (Thursday, April 26th)
Premier League
Hamworthy Utd Res v Merley Cobham

League Cup Div 4 & 5
Milborne Sports Res v Poundbury A

Saturday, April 28th
Premier League
Hamworthy Res v Blandford Utd
Hamwaorthy Utd Res v Wincanton
Holt United v Westland Sports
Portland United v Swanage & Herston
Sherborne v Poole Borough
Tintinhull v Shaftesbury
Weymouth Res v Parley Sports

Senior League
Okeford United v Gillingham Res
Weymouth Sports v Portland Utd Res
Witchampton v Stourpaine

Division One
Dorchester Boro v Mere Town
Granby Rovers v Poole Boro Res
Poundbury Rovers v Kangaroos
Swanage & Herston v Shaftesbury Res
Wincanton Res v Westland Sports Res

Division Two
11th Signals v Corfe Mullen Utd
Dorchester Sports v Sturm Newton Res
Gillingham A v Balti House
Wareham Rangers v Milborne Sports
Wyke Regis SC v Crossways

Division Four & Five League Cup
Donhead Utd Res v Poundbury Res
Swanage & Her v Maiden Newton & C

Tuesday, May 1st
Premier League
Chickerell Utd v Westland Sports
Sturminster Marshall v Hamworthy Res
Hamworthy United Res v Holt United
Bridport Res v Swanage & Herston

Division Four & Five League Cup
Swanage & Hers A v Milborne Sports Res

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portland United	33	24	5	4	65	77
Westland Sports	29	24	3	2	76	75
Hamworthy Recreatn	30	24	2	4	75	74
Wincanton Town	31	24	5	2	64	74*
Holt United	32	18	6	8	34	60
Chickerell United	33	18	4	11	17	58
Bridport Reserves	33	15	6	12	12	51
Parley Sports	34	15	6	13	8	51
Sturminster Marshall	34	14	6	14	14	48
Swanage & Herston	31	14	4	13	-4	46
Blandford United	33	12	4	17	-11	40
Tintinhull	33	10	5	18	-31	35
Weymouth Reserves	33	11	5	17	-15	32*
Poole Borough	34	9	5	20	-30	32
Hamworthy Utd Res	32	9	4	19	-48	31
Merley Cobham Sports	32	8	6	18	-20	30
Cranborne	35	8	3	24	-48	27
Shaftesbury	34	6	4	24	-63	22
Sherborne Town Res	32	3	3	26	-95	9

** Points adjusted*

SENIOR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portland United Res	25	14	9	2	41	51
Wareham Rangers	26	15	6	5	27	51
Upwey & Broadwey	26	16	2	8	13	50
Kingston Lacy	26	14	5	7	21	47
Witchampton United	25	13	2	10	3	41
Sturm Newton Utd	26	11	5	10	8	38
Okeford United	25	10	7	8	20	37
Stourpaine	25	10	4	11	4	34
Weymouth Sports	25	9	7	9	-3	34
Piddletrenthide United	25	8	4	13	-12	28
Bishops Caundle	25	6	8	11	-16	26
Gillingham Town Res	25	6	4	15	-27	22
Blandford United Res	26	5	5	16	-35	20
Chickerell United Res	26	4	6	16	-44	18

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Mere Town	24	20	3	1	92	63
Westland Sports Res	24	20	2	2	68	62
Granby Rovers	23	16	3	4	29	51
Bere Regis	26	14	3	9	30	45
Poundbury Rovers	25	13	6	6	17	45
Poole Borough Res	25	12	2	11	10	38
Dorchester Town A	23	10	3	10	-5	32*
Merley Cobham Res	26	10	2	14	-26	32
Wincanton Town Res	24	9	3	12	-8	30
Kangaroos	24	8	3	13	-13	27
Swanage & Hers Res	24	8	1	15	-35	25
Dorchester Borough	23	5	3	15	-25	18
Ship Inn, Wool	26	5	3	18	-32	18
Shaftesbury Reserves	23	1	1	21	-102	4

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Corfe Mullen United	25	20	2	3	64	62
Bridport A	26	19	3	4	57	60
11 Signal Regiment FC	22	17	0	5	57	51
Dorchester Sports	25	15	4	6	28	49
Milborne Sports	22	15	2	5	55	47
Gillingham Town A	24	12	7	5	28	43
Weymouth Spartans	25	12	4	9	13	40
The Balti House	25	12	0	13	-1	36
Wareham Rang Res	25	8	4	13	-23	28
Wyke Regis Social Club	24	7	4	13	-45	25
Crossways	24	5	0	19	-39	15
Corfe Castle	26	4	2	20	-64	14
Sturm Newton Res	22	4	1	17	-51	13
Lytchett Red Triangle	25	3	1	21	-79	10

DIVISION THREE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Cobham	18	14	1	3	32	43
Donhead Utd	18	14	1	3	29	43
Galaxy FC	18	10	1	7	11	31
Portesham United	18	10	1	7	2	31
Piddlehinton United	18	9	3	6	25	30
Bere Regis Reserves	18	7	2	9	6	23
Stickland United	18	7	2	9	-28	23
Maiden Newton & Gatt	18	5	1	12	-9	16
Okeford Utd Reserves	18	4	3	11	-25	15
Cranborne Reserves	18	2	1	15	-43	7

DIVISION FIVE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Mere Town Reserves	20	18	1	1	76	55
AFC Blandford	20	16	1	3	52	49
Broadstone	20	14	1	5	44	43
Donhead Utd Reserves	20	13	4	3	41	43
Pimperne Sports	20	9	4	7	31	31
Marnhull	20	7	3	10	-15	24
Dorchester CC	20	7	0	13	-22	21
Milborne Sports Res	19	4	3	12	-20	15
Handley Sports Res	20	4	3	13	-51	15
Maiden Newton & C	19	4	1	14	-47	13
Poundbury Rovers A	20	1	3	16	-89	6

(* Points adjusted)

LEAGUE CUP TABLES	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Bishops Caundle Res	3	3	0	0	4	9
Mere Town Reserves	2	2	0	0	3	6
Owermoigne	4	1	1	2	0	4
Handley Sports Res	3	0	1	2	-4	1
Pimperne Sports	2	0	0	2	-3	0
	P	**W**	**D**	**L**	**GD**	**Pts**
Galaxy FC Reserves	4	3	1	0	6	10
Handley Sports	4	2	1	1	5	7
AFC Blandford	4	2	1	1	3	7
Marnhull	4	1	1	2	-7	4
Littlemoor	4	0	0	4	-7	0
	P	**W**	**D**	**L**	**GD**	**Pts**
Stalbridge	4	2	1	1	6	7
Poundbury Rovers Res	3	2	1	0	4	7
Puddletown	4	2	0	2	1	6
Donhead Utd Reserves	2	1	0	1	0	3
Dorchester CC	3	0	0	3	-11	0
	P	**W**	**D**	**L**	**GD**	**Pts**
Broadstone	5	5	0	0	13	15
Maiden Newton & Gatt	4	2	0	2	1	6
Weymouth Spartans	5	2	0	3	-3	6
Poundbury Rovers A	4	1	1	2	-8	4
Milborne Sports Res	3	1	0	2	0	3
Swanage Town & H	3	0	1	2	-3	1

Silverware for Magpies - Terras: relegation averted

Injury jinks strikes Magpies

Tonbridge Angels 2
Dorchester Town 1
Saturday, April 21st
Blue Square South – Att: 756
DORCHESTER Town were hit by another injury when Ryan Dovell had to be replaced five minutes into their Blue Square South match in Kent on Saturday.

Already carrying a thigh strain, the striker aggravated it in the first minute and could not carry on, leaving the Magpies without a recognised striker.

However that did not prevent the county town from dictating a first-half in which they deserved more than a single strike from Sam Malsom.

With Nick Jones, recovering from a dislocated finger and only fit enough to take his place as a substitute, Dan Floyd, following his first team debut in the Dorset Senior Cup Final, once again took his place in goal.

Manager Phil Simpkin had already been forced into a late change when Kyle Critchell reported sick leaving him with a very inexperienced bench.

Prior to Dovell's demise, Max Worsfold almost gave the Magpies the ideal start with a mazy run that ended with his shot cannoning back off the post.

Simpkin pushed the Aldershot loanee forward into the striking role when Neil Martin replaced Dovell, with Dorchester producing some sparkling football, and they hit the woodwork a second time when Jamie Gleeson's shot struck the crossbar.

Floyd however was called upon to produce a first class save to prevent the Angels scoring with their only serious effort on goal from a quickly-taken free-kick.

They eventually got the reward their play deserved when Sam Malsom converted good work between Martin and Worsfold to fire home from the edge of the box.

The Angels tall striker Mikel Suarez was always a threat in the air, and he brought the hosts level four minutes after the break, heading home from a corner.

They scored what proved to be the winner five minutes later when Jake Smeeton could do no more than help an inswinging free-kick to the near post into his own net.

With Dorchester reeling from the turn in fortunes Frannie Collin tested Floyd with a shot that the young keeper held at the second attempt.

The Magpies finally got back in their rhythm but with no recognised striker, the hosts comfortably held on to take the points.

Magpies retain Senior Cup

Dorchester Town 2
Wimborne Town 0
Dorset Senior Cup Final
Tuesday, April 17th
DORCHESTER Town retained the Dorset Senior Cup in a clash of the Magpies at the County Ground last week.

However it took the Blue Square South side 74 minutes to break down the dogged resistance of Wimborne with goals from Jamie Gleeson and a last minute Ryan Dovell effort to secure victory.

In fact it was Wimborne who made the better start, and Dorchester had to thank reserve keeper Dan Floyd, making his first team debut, to prevent George Webb giving them a third minute lead with a great stop when the ball ran loose in the box.

Brad Magookin also went close with a shot and it wasn't until just before the interval that Nathan Walker, playing against his old team, had a header well saved by Jason Harvell.

Dorchester looked more assured at the beginning of the second-half and Kyle Critchell was unlucky with a header from that hit the crossbar.

Dorchester finally made the breakthrough on 74 minutes when Antony Carlisle, another reserve player who only made his senior debut the previous Saturday, was fouled almost immediately he had come on for Sam Malsom.

Nick Crittenden's free-kick was headed back across goal by Critchell and Gleeson was on hand to crash the ball home.

Wimborne, with nothing to lose, went looking for the equaliser and two minutes from time might well have got it, but Ben Mogg shot straight at Floyd after the young 'keeper had done well to parry Tom Hill's first effort.

Dovell did better at the other end in added time when he found the net, after Harvell had parried Crittenden's header, to secure the trophy.

Ford seals premer status

Weymouth 2 Hitchin Town 1
SUBSTITUTE Mark Ford ensured Weymouth's Evo-Stik South Premier League status next season with a stunning winner after the Terras had fallen behind in this nail-biting encounter.

However, the 21-year-old who joined the club in February from Blandford United, was fortunate to perhaps even be on the field after a horrendous tackle on Canaries right-back Tony Fontenelle, just five minutes after he had replaced skipper Warren Byerley who had defied a knee injury to take his place in the starting line-up.

With Swindon Supermarine losing at home to Barwell it meant that Weymouth's are safe regardless of the result of their final game at Redditch United next Saturday.

When Luke Gregson gave the visitors the lead within two minutes of the restart after a goalless first-half, it looked like Weymouth might suffer their seventh defeat in nine games that had seen them plunge down the league into a relegation dogfight.

However, luck for once was on their side after Marc Leach was adjudged to have fouled Ford in the penalty area on 68 minutes and Craig Duff equalised from the spot. There was nothing lucky about Ford's winner however as he kept his cool after being put through by Stephen Reed three minutes later.

Byerley defied the pain from a knee injury, thought to be a piece of floating cartilage, to start the game, whilst Sam Poole also made a welcome return to first team action after coming through a midweek reserve game after suffering a bad head injury a month ago.

Weymouth started brightly with Duff heading wide from Reed's corner on four minutes, and went close soon after when Byron Napper played in Rhys Baggridge. whose cross-cum-shot was gathered by Canaries 'keeper Martin Bennett.

Byerley then hit a fierce 20-yard drive which Bennett did well to parry.

Hitchin finally managed a first shot on goal on 41 minutes when Frendo's 25-yarder was saved by Tom Manley.

The visitors took the lead 30 seconds after the restart when Gregson to drilled home a low shot from 12 yards.

The Canaries should have doubled their lead just after the hour when Burke rounded Manley only for Baggridge to get back and superbly chest away his angled shot on the line.

Weymouth got back on level terms on 68 minutes when Ford broke into the penalty area. Leach appeared to poke the ball away before Ford fell over his leg, and the movement of the ball certainly indicated such. However Mr Annis thought otherwise and Duff beat Bennett from the spot.

Hitchin responded with a raid down the right resulting in a great cross from Aaron Morgan that Baggridge had to head behind at full stretch for a corner.

However the Terras tails were up and they got the important winner on 71 minutes when Reed's inch perfect pass set Ford free down the left channel and he kept his head to round Bennett.

Chances appeared at either end and Baggridge foiled Frendo by blocking his shot on the turn, before Bennett produced a brilliant close range save from a Ford volley.

The final whistle brought relief to home players and supporters who celebrated securing another season in the premier league. ***by Stuart Broom***

RUGBY - REVIEW OF THE SEASON

WITH KEITH JENKIN

Windsor assignment looms large

THE 2011/2012 rugby season is over for local clubs, with one very notable exception. DORCHESTER, who made a very late run indeed, have secured themselves a play-off place against WINDSOR of the Southern Counties (North) Division.

The game will take place at Windsor on April 28th, with the winners gaining a place in the South West Division One (East).

Some six weeks ago Dorchester, who were enjoying a pretty good season, were lying around fourth in the Southern Counties (South) league table, and were, many people felt I suspect, just out of the promotion race.

At that juncture I certainly felt that North Dorset and Sherborne had the bouquets sewn up between them.

Few could have predicted Sherborne's implosion. They lost their last three games, all to teams in the lower half of the division, and were edged out at the last by Dorchester who won five out of their last six, and took a vital losing bonus point from champions, North Dorset in the sixth.

The question remains, how will they fare at Windsor and, if they are successful, how will they fare next season?

My guess is that they will be competitive at Windsor. Their pack is dominating opposition eights currently. They have a bit of pace and talent out wide, a sensible goal kicker and they showed against North Dorset that they are quite capable of "dogging it out".

As to next season, let that look after itself for the time being. All a club can ask when the season starts is that it can be involved up to and including the season's final game. Dorchester have certainly done so this season, and congratulations are due to them.

After a bad season in 2010/2011 that saw them slip down into the Dorset & Wilts League Division Three (South), the Dorchester second side has roused itself and bounced back as champions at the first attempt by winning 13 of its 18 league games.

It has been demonstrated time and time again that the well being of a club on the field is very much attributable to the performance of its second side, and Dorchester seconds have certainly done all that has been asked of them this last season.

The WEYMOUTH first side, while wishing its rivals from just up the road every success in their play off endeavours, will probably see a positive emerging if all does not go well for them.

Weymouth have been existence for some 140 years, and have celebrated that fact by winning the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South).

The club's first XV will now be playing Southern Counties rugby in September, with the prospect of a local derby if Dorchester remain in the division. The have also won the Dorset & Wilts Junior Cup.

I have long regarded the Weymouth club as the sleeping giants of local rugby and moreover have felt that they have had, within their ranks the constituent parts of a successful side.

This season they have begun to play with a pattern with which most of their opponents have struggled to cope.

They have lost just three times, all in the earlier part of their campaign, and have amply avenged these narrow defeats subsequently.

In fact they were confirmed as champions with a couple of games still to be played and won the division with some comfort in spite of a very considerable injury list.

They will realise of course that a considerable gap in standard exists between the old division and the new, and they will certainly have to keep working at it.

If they do so and remain injury free in the main next season, I can see them making something of a mark in the higher division.

I watched them play a national cup round against Drifters however, and felt that they were a little naive tactically on that occasion. They will certainly have to learn from that experience.

Midway through the 2010/2011 season the Weymouth second side, who had been trundling around in the Dorset & Wilts league Division Three for several seasons, roused itself, strung a series of wins together and notched a promotion place in the final weekend of the season.

They entered division two, "in fear and trembling" rather, with the avowed intention of not slipping back.

In the event their fears proved groundless for, in spite of the club's long injury list, they ended the season in the division's mid table.

The Weymouth third side entered league rugby for the first time, taking its place in division four.

It generally put a side out however, sometimes not an easy thing to do in view of the amount of travelling involved. It didn't win too many but it will be a better side for the experience.

The BRIDPORT first side started the season in disarray rather, it having failed to cope with life in the Southern Counties (South) Division and having been relegated from it the previous April.

Their season has therefore, been one of consolidation and, although progress has certainly been made, it has often been a case of "a step forward, and a step back".

They finished the season in the bottom half of the division, but I do think that they are a better side now than they were at the season's start.

Looking at their league record over the season it certainly gave the impression that they were beating sides towards the end of their campaign who had bested them earlier.

I think that they managed to put a fair few building blocks in place, as it were, and that they will look forward to next season with more confidence than they did in September last.

When the first side of a club is in the doldrums, that fact is usually impacted on its second side, and this was certainly the case with Bridport seconds.

Having been relegated into division three, it often struggled to raise sides to travel to away games and, as a consequence, ended the season just out of the relegation zone. It did gather one or two scalps along the way, but lacked consistency.

PUDDLETOWN are a club that are considerably further along the rebuilding road than Bridport.

They suffered a body blow before any one had kicked a ball in anger however, losing influential captain and number eight, Paul Chidley to an injury that kept him sidelined for all the season.

They did not spend much time pondering as to just what might have been however, but rolled up their sleeves and got on with competing in the Dorset & Wilts league Division Two (South).

A measure of the progress made during the campaign could be measured by a glance at their results obtained against Poole whom they played on both the first and last Saturdays of the season.

Back in September they came out on top by a single point while, in April they cruised to a bonus point win.

They always tried (and often succeeded) to play open rugby, for their back division was their strength, and they ended the season in the division's fourth place (one place above Weymouth seconds).

They certainly strengthened their squad as the season progressed and have one or two "young pups" coming through into the ranks.

Next season could be an interesting one for them and they will most certainly be looking forward with optimism.

Overall the 2011/2012 has been a good one as far as the local rugby scene is concerned. There have certainly been more triumphs than disasters.

Kit will now be stowed in the back of garages (hopefully laundered). Some will play cricket or undertake some other summer pursuit.

Then, sometime in July, boots will be searched out and people will be preparing to do it all over again. Summer well! I'll probably see you then!

Weymouth youth rugby round-up

WEYMOUTH Rugby Club recently hosted a mini-tournament with several visiting teams competing in competitions ranging from seven to 16-years-old.

The day was bright and sunny although cool, and conditions were ideal for fast running rugby.

Under 8s

WEYMOUTH showed great determination and spirit during this mini-rugby tournament against Sidcup, Kent and Monmouth, South Wales.

Great tries with fantastic passing and support play from Jacob Brunell, Finley Wyatt, Xavier Hughes and Jordi Murphy showed they could match their rivals.

All three games were very closely fought with some suspect refereeing decisions unfortunately costing Weymouth their games.

However, they kept their heads up and showed some magical attacking play from James Piles and new star Eddy, and great defensive work by Milley Berry and Thomas Williams.

Results: Weymouth 7 - Sidcup 9; Monmouth 7 - Sidcup 11; Weymouth 7 - Monmouth 8

Under 9s

Weymouth 2 Sidcup 2

WEYMOUTH were involved in a hard fought first match that saw good rugby from both teams.

The Weymouth tries were scored by James Spry, who was a guest team player from the Kent team, made possible by some good team work by Josh Radburn-Richards and Harvey Weston.

Weymouth 4 Whitehall 0

WEYMOUTH needed to win by seven tries to win the tri-tournament, and they started well with four tries in the first-half, scored by Spry, Liam Howlett, Reid Hutchinson and Sam Burton.

Unfortunately they could not add to the scoreline but solid defending by Ian Clements, Toby Diment-Aylott and Callum Carter ensured no tries were conceded.

Under 10s

Weymouth 4 Whitehall Bristol 4

WHITEHALL came out of the traps really quickly and had scored two tries before the Weymouth boys had drawn breath.

But the home side came back and managed to even things up before half-time with scores from Henry Bell and James Dobson, who both broke away from the breakdown and broke a number of tackles to score.

The visitors took the lead again in the second-half and looked like extending it as they pressurised the Weymouth line. But somehow the ball was turned over and Jack Hayward ran the length of the pitch to level the scores again.

Once more the visitors took the lead, only to be pegged back again in the final seconds as Kit Harvey was driven over the line by Damian Mason to earn an honourable draw.

The Weymouth boys then had a rest as the two visiting teams played each other with Monmouth running out comfortable winners, 8-1.

Weymouth 0 Monmouth 10

MONMOUTH proved to be a tough encounter.

The visitors were very well organised and were able to move the ball away from contact each time one of the Weymouth boys made a tackle.

When they did manage to gain possession, the home players all too often found themselves on their own, as the support play simply did not function.

Monmouth proved too strong and skilful for the home side, and ended up winning 10-0, meaning Weymouth finished third on tries scored.

Results:

U7: Participants - Sidcup & Weymouth

U8: Winner – Sidcup; runner-up - Monmouth

U9: Winner – Sidcup; runner-up - Weymouth

U10: Winner – Monmouth; runner-up - Whitehall

U11: Winner – Chingford; runner-up - Monmouth

U12: Winner – Sidcup; runner-up - Chingford

U13: Winner – Lutterworth; runner-up - Monmouth

U14: Winner - Oadby Wyggstonians; runner-up - Cheshunt

U15: Winner - Finchley Crusaders; runner-up - Cheshunt

U16: Winner – Whitehall; runner-up - Cheshunt.

Dorchester U9s show promise

DORCHESTER Rugby club's under 9s played host to North Dorset this weekend and more than held their own against the bigger club despite only coming away with one win out of the three games.

The first two matches were close affairs with both teams playing flowing, running rugby showing that they had developed enormously since meeting early on in the season, when rucking and mauling were still part of the under 9s game.

Dorchester moved the ball brilliantly and produced some great direct running at their opposition leading to well earned tries.

The defensive line also held up pretty well but sadly wasn't quite strong enough to stop the visiting side winning the first match by a narrow five tries to six.

Game two was another exciting affair with some big hits going in from both teams, but Dorchester had the edge and showed more spark and determination in attack allowing them to run-in five tries to three.

By the third game, both teams started to look a little battered and bruised and were clearly slowing down.

Despite a strong first-half from Dorchester, North Dorset managed to gain the late advantage and ran out winners by to four tries to seven in their favour.

◆ **DORCHESTER TRY SCORERS:** Kerr Jeffery (6), Miles Quick (3), Harry Legg (2), Freddie Charles, Henry Dipple and Jet Aiday.

Weymouth Basketball

Cowboys shot down

JP Barracudas 82
Weymouth GH Podiatry Cowboys 63

The Weymouth Cowboys needed a win to kick start a poor Solent Basketball Division Three season, travelling to the third placed Barracudas.

The Cowboys scored first with a three pointer from Andy Steel but from then on it was all the home team, as they end the first quarter up by seven.

The second quarter was much the same with the good play of the home team continuing to frustrate the Cowboys who finished the half down by 13 points.

The second-half started well for the Cowboys with Sam Dodge scoring 12 points in five minutes to give the Weymouth side the lead, but it was short lived as the home team again took control to end the quarter up by nine points.

Good play from Dodge and Steel was not enough as the Barracudas team controlled the game in the final minutes, Cowboys continuing to lose their focus and eventually going down 82-63

◆ **Scorers/Roster**: Andy Steel 20, Sam Dodge 19, Lee Bennett 7, Filippo Romano 5, Eric Olson 3, Dan Campbell 3, Giles Henman 3, Jack Speary 1, James Ward, Rob Legg.

■ IN FORM: Sam Dodge

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INSIDE: Play-off test up next for Dorchester RFC

Simpkin beginning preparations for next season

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DORCHESTER Town manager Phil Simpkin is hoping that he can get a side out for Saturday's last game of the season at home to Bromley, in what has been a tumultuous campaign for everyone at the club.

Meanwhile he is busy on signing a number of the current squad for next season when he hopes things will go much smoother.

Having been appointed manager on a permanent basis following the unexpected resignation of Alan Knight just three weeks ago, Simpkin has been hit by a series of injuries and illnesses to players that has seen his squad availability reduced dramatically.

An injury to striker Ryan Dovell after just a minute in Saturday's 2-1 defeat by Tonbridge Angels typified the season, and leaves the club with no recognised striker and Sam Molsom as their only forward player.

Reflecting on the game and the situation Simpkin said: "The injury was unbelievable, and we deserved something out of the game, we played really well. In the first-half we were exceptional and we should have been well ahead. As well as striking the goal frame twice we carved out a couple of chances which unfortunately Max Worsfold didn't take.

"Unfortunately two set-pieces undid us, but we still had a fair share of the play in the second half but we didn't have a cutting edge up front, and it was difficult to get back in it.

"In the first half we passed the ball as well as we have done all season without a shadow of doubt, and Ashley Nicholls and Jamie Gleeson were superb in midfield. But it's difficult when you have no forward ball to play, that's no reflection on anyone, but you need one and we won't have one on Saturday either. I couldn't ask for any more from the lads, and we are getting to where I want us to be in passing the ball."

Simpkin was full of praise also for Dan Floyd who was making made his league debut.

"Dan has matured and I'm really pleased with him. He has acquitted himself very well and done everything that I could have asked of him.

"He pulled off a terrific save in the first-half from a free-kick, I know the lads are really chuffed with him as well. It takes some guts to come in and play in front of a big crowd (around 750), and they are a massive side; their striker Suarez is around 6'5"; but he's put himself on the line and put in a creditable performance, and I'm sure he will do the same on Saturday.

Looking forward to Saturday's last fixture when the Magpies entertain Bromley he added: "I don't want to lose our last game at home, and we will do our best to make sure that doesn't happen; it's a result at the moment just to get eleven bodies on the pitch; but I think everyone understands the situation."

Reflecting on the season he said: "Considering the games we lost up until the end of September when people were talking about relegation, when you think over the season I am absolutely delighted. Jem and I changed the culture of the football club.

We sold our two best front players, Ben Dickenson, and Ryan Moss, and we found it hard to replace them, but I brought Tom Nichols from Exeter City and he was terrific but we could only have him for three months.

Despite not being able to sign replacements, overall for a club of our size and resources to finish in the top half of the league is a result."

Meanwhile Simpkin is busy looking forward to next season and, whilst not willing to name them at the moment, confirmed that some of the existing squad have signed new contracts.

"There will be a lot of comings and goings this summer.

"I'm chuffed to bits with what Jem, who has been a massive part of this, and I have achieved this year, and I know the chairman and the club are as well, but as far as I am concerned my reign as manager starts in August, and hopefully everyone will be delighted by the side they see on the pitch."

■ **COUNTY CHAMPIONS:** Mark Jermyn receives the Dorset Senior Cup from Dorset FA President Spencer Miles *Photo Dorset FA*

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